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(57) Abstract

A smart card (101) comprising: a sheet of supporting material (102); and electrical contact means (103) provided on said sheet of supporting material and adapted to provide an electrical contact with a smart card reader in use; one or more integrated circuits supported by said sheet; and interface means comprising a first serial data interface (104) and at least one second data interface (105) which may be serial or parallel arranged such that in use, data stored in said integrated circuits may be accessed via said parallel data interface. Relatively large amounts of data are stored on an improved smart card and by using two data interfaces data is communicated to and from the improved smart card quickly. A reader/writer for use with the improved smart card is described. An adaptor card may be inserted into the reader/writer to enable a host device in which the reader/writer is incorporated to be connected to other devices.

